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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM LON NOL

1. USUN RECEIVED MORNING OCT 20, BY US MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER DATED 11 OCTOBER FROM LON NOL IN HAWAII. BECAUSE THE FORMAT OF THE LETTER INDICATED THAT IT WAS A FORM LETTER WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO VARIOUS OTHER UN MEMBERS (IN THE COMPLEMENTARY CLOSING "OF THE UNITED STATES" WAS HAND-WRITTEN IN AFTER THE WORDS "THE HONORABLE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE"), USUN HAS CHECKED WITH SEVERAL OTHER MISSIONS (INCLUDING THE UK, CANADA AND AUSTRALIA) TO SEE IF THEY HAVE RECEIVED A SIMILAR LETTER. AS OF NOW, USUN IS THE ONLY MISSION TO HAVE RECEIVED THIS LETTER. ATTACHED TO THE LETTER WAS AN UNTITLED LOG OF EVENTS SINCE THE CEASE-FIRE, (WRITTEN (AS THE TRANSLATION INDICATES IN LOG RATHER THAN NARRATIVE FORM). THIS ATTACHMENT IS DATED 14 OCTOBER. FOL-  
LOWING ARE INFORMAL TRANSLATIONS OF THE LETTER AND THE ATTACHMENTS (COPY OF THE ORIGINAL IN FRENCH POUCHED DEPT EA/VLC - KIRKPATRICK):

2. LETTER QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY:

IN THE PAST, THERE WAS THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.  
THEN THE AXIS TOOK 3/4 OF EUROPE BY FORCE.

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BUT THE ALLIES, WITH ENGLAND, RESOLVED THIS PROBLEM. THE HEADS

OF THE AXIS, NOTABLY HITLER AND MUSSOLINI, WHO SPONSORED ATROCITIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE, WERE KILLED. WAR CRIMINALS ARE STILL BEING EXECUTED EVEN TO THE PRESENT. THEY DESERVED THIS BECAUSE THEY ACTED BY TEARING UP TREATIES, BY TRAMPLING OVER INTERNATIONAL LAW AND BY SUMMARILY EXECUTING THOSE WHO DID NOT PLEASE THEM. IN THE CAMBODIAN WAR, FROM THE FIRST MONTHS, THERE WERE MASSACRES OF THE RURAL KHMER POPULATION TO FORCE OTHERS TO JOIN UP WITH THE VC IN THE MOUNTAINS.

OUR PEACE EFFORTS WERE THE SECOND PHASE:

--UNILATERAL CEASE-FIRE ORDER AFTER JANUARY 29, 1973.

--OFFER OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

--THEN, LAST APRIL, THE DEPARTURE ARRANGED FOR PRESIDENT LON NOL FOR THE SO-CALLED CREATION OF AN ATMOSPHERE FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION IN DEMOCRACY, FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. CONGRESS, AS WELL AS FOR THE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT OF FRIENDS. PRESIDENT LON NOL COULD DO NO MORE SINCE THEN THAN ALSO STRIVE FOR PEACE.

AFTER PRESIDENT LON NOL'S DEPARTURE ON APRIL 1ST, 1975, THE INTERIM PRESIDENT, IN A HELICOPTER, GAVE UP THE COMMAND OF THE COUNTRY WHICH WAS COMPLETELY UNSETTLED. THUS, THE BATTLE TO SUSTAIN NEGOTIATIONS WAS BROKEN. ESPECIALLY SINCE AT THAT TIME THE KHMERS ROUGES WERE THEMSELVES SPREADING THE POSSIBILITY OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND PEACE, WHICH PLEASED THE PEOPLE AND THE SOLDIERS EVEN MORE.

AND IT IS THUS THAT THE TRUCE FLAG AND CEASE-FIRE ORDER FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WERE GIVEN BY THE OPS ON APRIL 17, 1975, THAT IS TO SAY 17 DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF PRESIDENT LON NOL. UNHAPPILY, THERE WAS NOTHING THERE BUT PRETENSE, FOR AFTER IT WERE THE MASSACRES, THE GENERALIZED MASSACRE CALLED BY THE NEWSPAPERS THE "BLOOD BATH", THEN THE TOTAL DEPORTATION OF THE URBAN POPULACE INTO THE COUNTRY. UP TO THE PRESENT, MILLIONS HAVE DIED. IT IS INCONCEIVABLE.

NOW, STILL OTHER MASSACRES CONTINUE, WHICH IS WHY REFUGEES ARE STILL FLOCKING TO THAILAND.

IN FACE OF THIS FACT, LET THE UN BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF IT NOW. AND HOW DOES IT JUDGE THE CAMBODIAN REGIME INSTALLED BY THE FORCE OF MASSACRES?

AND LET THE UN FIND A REMEDY TO ALLOW KHMERS TO DIE NO LONGER, FOR THERE SOON WOULD BE NO MORE KHMERS AND THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE BEEN EFFACED FROM THE MAP OF NATIONS.

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I ASK ALL THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE UN AND THE UN ITSELF TO SANCTION AGAINST AND TO PREVENT FROM CONTINUING THIS NEW PRECEDENT WHICH MUST NOT EXIST ANY LONGER IN THE CIVILIZATION OF THE CLOSE OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

AND I ASK THAT THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANS GO TO THE AID OF THE KHMERS AGAINST EPIDEMIC, FAMINE AND FORCED LABOR. MOREOVER, THE OVERSEAS KHMERS WISH TO HAVE NEWS OF THEIR RELATIVES. THEY ARE SURELY GOING TO ASK IT OF THE UN.

THE UN, WORLD BODY FOR PEACE, AND SECURITY, IS APPEALED TO BY  
THE PRESENT LETTER TO COME TO THEIR AID.

HAWAII, OCTOBER 11, 1975

(SIGNED) MARSHAL LON NOL

PRESIDENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC

THE HONORABLE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE  
UNITED STATES TO THE UNITED NATIONS  
WITH MY SINCERE THANKS AND THE ASSURANCES OF MY  
HIGHEST ESTEEM. END QUOTE

3. ATTACHMENT:

QUOTE: -- TRUCE FLAG AND CEASE FIRE TOOK PLACE APRIL 17, AROUND  
11.00.

--THE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 17, 1975, RADIO KR OF PHNOM PENH  
ANNOUNCES THAT LON NOL, GEN. CHHIM CHHUOUN AND THE CHIEF OF BONZE  
HAD MET THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE OF LIBERATION ON NATIONAL  
ROUTE 5.

--LATER THE SAME DAY, WE SAW LON NON AND LONG BORET IN FRONT OF  
THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, STILL IN GOOD FAVOR WITH THE  
KHMERS ROUGES.

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--AT THE SAME TIME, SIRIK MATAK AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL  
ASSEMBLY, UNG BUN HUOR, ARE AT THE HOTEL LE PHNOM, DECLARED A  
NEUTRAL ZONE, THEN AT THE FRENCH EMBASSY. DURING THIS TIME, THE  
EVACUATION OF PHNOM PENH ORDERED BY THE KHMERS ROUGES.

--APRIL 18 AND 19, 1975, THE EXECUTION OF OFFICIALS AND POLITICAL

PERSONALITIES, AS WELL AS SUPERIOR OFFICERS, ANNOUNCED BY RADIO KR.

--APRIL 20, 1975, AGAINST INTERNATIONAL LAW, FORCED REMOVAL OF ALL THE KHMERS REFUGED IN THE FRENCH EMBASSY, AMONG WHOM WERE SIRIK MATAK AND UNG BUN HUOR.

--MOOD OF THIS DAY APRIL 20: 200 HEADS AROUND THE CENTRAL MARKET AND BETWEEN 60,000 AND 80,000 BODIES STREWN ALONG THE NATIONAL ROUTE 5, ONLY FROM PHNOM PENH TO PREK PHNEOU.

--IN ALL OF THIS, WITH THE PERSPECTIVE OF TIME, ONE SEES EASILY THAT THIS IS NOT A POPULAR REVOLUTION SINCE FIVE MILLION OF THE URBAN POPULATION HAD NOT BEEN SPARED. THEREFORE IT IS THE KHMER PEOPLE WHO WERE CONDEMNED TO DIE BY PRINCE SIHANOUK IN ORDER TO AVENGE HIMSELF FOR HAVING OVERTHROWN HIM IN 1970. PEKING HAS JUST SPOKEN ABOUT THE LYNCHING OF LON NON. BUT WHO IS LYNCHING SINCE ALL OF PHNOM WAS EVACUATED, MOSTLY EXECUTED, LON NON HIMSELF WAS IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE KR.

--ONE SPOKE OF LONG BORET AND SIRIK MATAK. AT LEAST THE ASSASSINATION WAS RECOGNIZED SINCE SIRIK HAD BEEN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF EMBASSY IMMUNITY. AND LONG BORET HAD TRIED TO MAKE PEACE AFTER THE TRUCE AND CEASE-FIRE ORDER.

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--PRINCE SIHANOUK REFUSED TO ORGANIZE A GOVERNMENT AND MAKE PEACE, THAT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED APRIL 15, 1975. HE COULD NOT THEREFORE EXCULPATE HIMSELF FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL THE DEATHS OF HIS COMPATRIOTS WHICH OCCURED AFTER THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE TRUCE.

--HITLER DID NOT DO ANY KILLING HIMSELF. YET SINCE THE DEFEAT THE NUREMBERG COURT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT AGAINST HIS REIGN OF TERROR EVEN UP TO THE PRESENT.

--THE UN ITSELF, WHICH IS THE SUPREME WORLD ORGAN FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND FREEDOM OF MAN,--CITIZENS OF THE WORLD: WILL IT CONTINUE TO CLOSE ITS EYES TO THE MISERY OF THE KHMERS AND THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND CAN IT ACCEPT A TOTALITARIAN, A CELEBRATED MURDERER OF HIS PEOPLE?

--ONE CAN SPEAK LIKE THIS BECAUSE THE POPULATION IS MORE NUMEROUS THAN THE KR, MOST OF WHOM, MOREOVER, ARE ALSO BEING FORCED BY THE ONE INDIVIDUAL.

--THIS IS CLEAR IN CAMBODIA AFTER ALL THESE EVENTS OF SINISTER REPUTATION.

--MOREOVER, THE LEADERS IN PHNOM PENH ARE CLOSING THE COUNTRY TO MISLEAD THE POPULATION AND PROBABLY TO CONCEAL THE PRESENCE OF CHINESE AND NORTH VIETNAMESE, WHO ARE, IN PARTICULAR, IN THE FACTORIES, IN THE REGION OF THE GREAT LAKES AND THE EASTERN FRONTIER. ALL THIS TO CLAIM THEMSELVES NEUTRAL.

--IF THE UN CONSENTS TO DO ITS DUTY, NOT ONLY MUST IT NOT LET THAT HAPPEN, BUT ALSO IT MUST SEND URGENTLY ITS INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO RELIEVE THE KHMER PEOPLE FROM TERROR, FAMINE, LACK OF CARE AND FROM FORCED LABOR.

--ONE MUST NOT FOREGET THAT IN SPAIN THE EXECUTION OF 5 TERRORISTS

ALONE CREATED WORLD RUMBLINGS: DEMONSTRATIONS, THE RECALL  
OF AMBASSADORS AND ALSO OFFICIALS OF THE VATICAN WERE STIRRED  
BY IT.

--COMPARED TO THAT, IS THE WHOLE OF THE KHMER PEOPLE NOTHING?  
ONE ALLOWS ONESELF TO BECOME SLACK, ONE LETS ANYTHING THAT  
WILL PLEASE THE KR TERRORISTS TO HAPPEN, AND CALMLY APPLAUDS  
THE HEAD OF THESE TERRORISTS, PRINCE NORODOM SIHANOUK,  
WHO STILL ALLOWS HIMSELF TO MANIPULATE AN ENTIRE INNOCENT  
PEOPLE FOR HIS OWN TRAITOROUS REASONS.

--THANKS TO THE INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS WHICH HAVE TRIED HARD  
TO AID THE KHMER PEOPLE.

--I ALSO STILL HAVE FAITH IN OUR FRIENDS WHO WILL SURELY NOT  
CLOSE THEIR EYES TO THIS INGLAR EVENT OF SAD RENOWN DURING  
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THE END OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

HAWAII, OCTOBER 14, 1975 END QUOTE  
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